

Childcare and Teacher Training

Early Years Practitioner Level 2 Apprenticeship

In Brief

Start Date / Duration

You can start an Apprenticeship at any time. The qualification can take up to 17 months to complete.

Entry Requirements

Entry requirements for the course:

- Level 1 Childcare qualification
- GCSE English and Maths grade 4/C or Level 2 Functional Skills in English and Maths
- Undertake the Disclosure and Barring Service process and provide the result
- You will need to find an employer to employ you as an apprentice. Please see our [Apprenticeship vacancies](#).

You will achieve

Level 2 Early Years Practitioner Apprenticeship Standard.

Course Overview

As an Early Years Practitioner apprentice, you'll support children's learning and development through activities and play. Under professional guidance, you'll promote welfare, safeguard children, and support their well-being. Your role includes planning, child protection, development support, and ensuring safety and inclusion for all children. You will achieve the Cache Level 2 qualification. For more information, visit the Institute for Apprenticeships website

[<https://www.instituteforapprenticeships.org/apprenticeship-standards/early-years-practitioner/>].

Your duties will include:

- Collaborating with colleagues, parents, and professionals to meet children's needs.
- Promoting healthy life choices and supporting development through play.
- Ensuring children's safety and safeguarding.
- Reflecting on and improving your practice.
- Managing hygiene, safety, and cleanliness.

- Supporting children's development, including those with additional needs.
- Contributing to planning and organizing learning experiences.
- Communicating with children to enhance development.
- Keeping accurate records for future planning.
- Supporting the wellbeing of all children, including those with disabilities.

Your studies will cover:

- Early Years roles and responsibilities.
- Health and safety, safeguarding, and promoting equality in Early Years.
- Supporting children's development, care routines, and physical activity.
- Supporting special educational needs and promoting positive behaviour.
- Partnering with others and preparing children for school.

Course Content

How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed by your trainer using an e-portfolio of evidence, observations in the workplace and longitudinal study.

You will go through an End Point Assessment including:

- Assessment method 1: Professional discussion underpinned by portfolio
- Assessment method 2: Knowledge Test

What Equipment Will I Need?

You will need to have access to a computer or laptop and the internet as you will be creating an e-portfolio.

Where will I study?

You will study within the workplace and attend classes at Barnsley College, Church St, Barnsley, S70 2AX

What can I do next?

You can progress onto Higher Level study or secure employment as a: Early Year Practitioner – Nursery Assistant, Nursery Practitioner, Nursery Nurse, Assistant Childminder, Nanny and Early Years Worker.

These roles can be found in a range of private and public settings including; full day care, children's centres, pre-schools, reception classes, playgroups, nursery schools, home based provision, hospitals, social care settings, out of school environments and local authority provision.

How much does the course cost?

There is no cost to being an apprentice. All costs associated with your apprenticeship, including the cost of training and your salary, will be paid by your employer.

Financial support

You may be eligible for assistance with expenses such as travel, books, equipment and childcare. For further information please contact the Student Services Team on 01226 216 267.

Extra information

Contact the Apprenticeship Team

For further information please contact the team on 01226 216 166 or email: apprenticeships@barnsley.ac.uk [<mailto:apprenticeships@barnsley.ac.uk>]

Want to join Barnsley Sports Academy and Honeywell Sports Village?

Barnsley College has a range of sports opportunities for all students to take part in, gain professional training and compete nationally and internationally. We also have a state-of-the-art fitness village, Honeywell Sports Village [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/shops-services/honeywell-sports-village/>] where students can make use of our fitness suite, spinning studio and classes for competitive rates. You don't have to be studying sport to get involved in the Sports Academy [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/barnsley-sports-academy/>].

Additional Learning Support

Our Additional Learning Support team can provide you with the support you need. Call 01226 216 769 for further information.

English and Maths

Having good English and Maths qualifications are important for most careers and we want to give you the help you need to succeed.

If you are aged 16 – 19 and don't hold a grade C/4 or above in GCSE English and Maths, you will automatically be included in your study programme. If you want to work towards achieving a higher grade in English and Maths, we can help you do that too and we offer Level 3 Mathematical Studies (Core Maths) which can be added to your study programme.

If you're aged 19 or above and don't hold a grade C/4 or above in GCSE English and Maths we can help. We offer FREE English and Maths qualifications that can be studied on a part-time basis, subject to eligibility.

If you need any further information, please contact our Information Team by calling 01226 216 123 or emailing info@barnsley.ac.uk [mailto:info@barnsley.ac.uk]

Disclaimer

Please note we reserve the right to change details without notice. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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